

**Amendment and Response**

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**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed 3 February 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 34, and 36 having been amended, and no claims having been added or canceled herein, the pending claims are claims 17-21 and 34-39.

Claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 34, and 36 have been cosmetically amended to consistently refer to a blank comprising presintered material. Claim 17 has also been amended to recite "fine processing the rough processed blank" and "dense sintering the fine processed blank."

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

The Examiner rejected claims 17-21 and 34-39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 17-21 and 34-39, in view of the present specification, clearly and distinctly convey Applicants' invention to one of skill in the art. However, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the present application, claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 34, and 36 have been cosmetically amended to refer to a blank comprising presintered material. Claim 17 has also been amended to recite "fine processing the rough processed blank" and "dense sintering the fine processed blank."

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been obviated. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

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**Summary**

It is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted

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